RED HILL AOC/SOW Meeting Summary

Red Hill Section 2 telephone meeting, Wednesday, 19 Apr 2016, 1500-1540 PDT (1200-1240 HST; 1800-1840 EDT)

Navy EXWC, NAVFAC Hawaii, Hawaii State DOH EPA and consultants (PEMY)

EPA comments:

- One important thing is that the SOW calls for a TIRM report; from there, everyone goes to a decision meeting for how to improve the TIRM.
- The more-elaborate outline from the Navy (29 Jan) presented a good attempt to provide suggestions for improvements in the TIRM: pros, cons, evaluations, and options. Now, we'd like to see a summarized version for decision-makers to digest.
- We'd like the Navy to discuss not only what caused the leak (e.g., holes in the welds), but why the leak occurred (e.g., why the holes existed in the first place).

Navy comments:

- In general, we agree with the EPA on the items they'd like us to add to the overall report.
- Our major issue is with the phrase "root cause analysis" (RCA) in EPA's letter. That
 phrase suggests we're writing a formal, legal document with lots of details. We've been
 very transparent from day one about the causes of the tank failing that we don't feel a
 formal RCA is warranted.
 - EPA response: We don't think "RCA" is a loaded term with legal ramifications; all we're looking for is a summary or documentation that evaluates the causes of the tank failure.
 - Navy response: Better to call it "Discussion of the cause of the failure."

Action items:

- The Navy will provide an email to the EPA saying that instead of furnishing an RCA or interpreting the EPA's request for an RCA to be a formal document, the Navy will provide a description of what will be included in the "Discussion of the cause of the failure" This email will be sent by COB Monday, 25 Apr HST (2300 EDT).
- Then, the EPA will concur by email.
- Per the SOW, a procedure report will be due 120 days after scoping is complete. The Navy and EPA have agreed that scoping will be complete at the F2F meeting (ending 12 May); with discussions that week if scoping meetings can be concluded.
- All parties agree that the BWS and their SMEs can provide input at the F2F meeting until scoping is complete.
- The EPA will call contractors next week regarding facility evaluation visits May 9-12th.